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TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois

Professor of Legal Practice (August 2026-Present)

- Courses taught:
 - Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication I & II
 - Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication III: Moot Court.

Adjunct Professor (Fall Semester, 2020-2025)

- Course taught:
 - Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication III: Moot Court.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Office of the State Appellate Defender, Chicago, Illinois

Assistant Appellate Defender (November 2015-October 2018; November 2022-July 2026)

- Reviewed circuit court records from jury trials, bench trials, pleas, and collateral proceedings for possible issues to raise on appeal.
- Drafted merits briefs, rehearing petitions, and petitions for leave to appeal in Illinois courts of review.
- Presented oral arguments before panels of the Illinois Appellate Court.
- Communicated regularly and effectively with clients about the complex issues involved in their cases.
- Mentored colleagues, formally through the office's mentorship program and informally through conversations about cases, client relations, and issues concerning our relationship to the court and opposing counsel.

Hon. Michael B. Hyman, Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Chicago, Illinois

Judicial Law Clerk (November 1, 2018-October 31, 2022)

- Analyzed and evaluated briefs filed in civil and criminal appeals.
- Researched complex legal issues and provided disposition recommendations.
- Drafted bench memoranda, unpublished orders, and published opinions.

EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, Certificate in Criminal Law, *cum laude*, May 2015

- DePaul Appellate Moot Court Society
 - *Best Brief*, Bauer Intramural Moot Court Competition (Fall 2014)
 - *Best Oral Advocate*, William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition (Spring 2015)

- *Best Oral Advocate in Preliminary Rounds*, William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition (Spring 2015)
- DePaul Criminal Appeals Clinic, Student Advocate

Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Bachelor of Arts in Language & Linguistics, May 2012

PRESENTATIONS

Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, Zoom Presentation

Supremely Important: A Public Defender Review of the 2024 SCOTUS Term (July 30, 2024)

- Presented as part of a CLE panel, with a focus on the Supreme Court's evolving second amendment jurisprudence after *United States v. Rahimi*.

Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Zoom Presentation

Challenging Status-Based Restrictions on Firearm Possession After Bruen: Using the New Historical Test to Your Advantage (March 15, 2024)

- Presented alongside Assistant Federal Defender, Jack Corfman, discussing the legal landscape and litigation strategies for challenging status-based gun possession convictions after *NYSRPA v. Bruen* and *United States v. Rahimi*.

Illinois Public Defender Association, Bloomington, Illinois

Second Amendment Challenges After Bruen: A Summary and Strategies (October 21, 2023)

- Presented alongside OSAD attorneys, Kate Donahoe and Maggie Heim, providing an overview of second amendment challenges in Illinois courts a year after *NYSRPA v. Bruen*.

Office of The State Appellate Defender, Zoom Presentation

The Impact of Bruen on Criminal Appeals (August 9, 2023)

- Presented at an internal OSAD training providing an overview of second amendment challenges in Illinois courts a year after *NYSRPA v. Bruen*.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Appellate Lawyer's Association (November 2016-Present)

- Treasurer (June 2025-Present)
- Moot Court Committee, Co-Chair (April 2020-Present)
- Board of Directors, Member (June 2020-July 2022)

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

DePaul Moot Court Alumni Board

- Member, *Ex Officio* (January 2021-Present)
- Member at Large (January 2018-January 2021)